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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: IVORIAN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON US ARTILLERY

REF: ABIDJAN 7781

1. EMBASSY PERCEPTIONS RE US POLICY ON ARMS TRANSFERS ARE ACCURATE. US POLICY IS PRIMARILY ONE OF RESTRAINT. THIS POSITION WAS EXPRESSED BY THE PRESIDENT ON MAY 19 WHEN HE STATED THAT BECAUSE OF THE "THREAT TO WORLD PEACE EMBODIED IN THIS SPIRALING ARMS TRAFFIC; AND BECAUSE OF THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES WE BEAR AS THE LARGEST ARMS SELLER, I BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATES MUST TAKE STEPS TO RESTRAIN ITS ARMS TRANSFERS."

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2. CONSONANT WITH THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS, WE ARE TREATING ARMS TRANSFERS AS AN EXCEPTIONAL (REPEAT, EXCEPTIONAL) INSTRUMENT OF US FOREIGN POLICY. CONSEQUENTLY, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO OFFER ANY INDICATION USG PREPARED TO SELL 105-MM HOWITZERS TO IVORY COAST. PROVISION OF PRICE AND AVAILABILITY DATA MIGHT BE SO CONSTRUED. FOR THESE REASONS, AND BECAUSE APPROACH BY

MAJOR DEY IS INFORMAL, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT USG IS NOT
ABLE TO FURNISH DESIRED INFORMATION.
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